

REFORMERS' HALL TO BE DEDICATED WEDNESDAY

New Structure at 12th and U to Be Opened.

AN ATTRACTIVE PROGRAM

Exercises to Begin at 10:30 o'clock in the Morning and Conclude With Banquet in Evening.

The Reformers' Hall, corner of Twelfth and U Streets northwest, will be dedicated next Wednesday. This beautiful structure, in addition to others of its kind, is owned and controlled by the Grand United Order of True Reformers, with headquarters at Richmond, Va.

The order, since its organization about twenty-two years ago, has made such rapid progress on a strict business basis, that in 1902 Prof. J. Taylor Thom, Ph. D., was designated by the Hon. Carroll D. Wright to visit Richmond and make a minute inspection of all the departments of the order.

Twenty Years Old. The District of Columbia, organized about September, 1884, and though at first the membership of the order was composed chiefly of those in the humble walks of life, the rapid progress which the institution has made and the marked opportunity of development to the colored people became so apparent, that today among its members are some of the most prominent citizens of the race, both male and female, of various professions. There are about 5,000 True Reformers in the District of Columbia.

The building has been in course of erection since October 20, 1902, when the cornerstone was laid. The dedication exercises will mark the beginning of a new era of the great work in this city, and will be a drawing card to all lovers of the work of the organization for years to come.

Prominent members of the order from different sections of the country, including the grand worthy master and other general officers, have been invited, and are expected to be present

and take part in the ceremonies.

Following is the program:

Order of exercises: F. W. Dixon, secretary local executive committee, will call the meeting to order at 10:30 a. m.; solo and chorus, "Solomon's Prayer" (Root); choir; invocation, the Rev. A. C. Garner; "Gloria" (Mozart); choir; introduction of E. W. Turner, chairman of local executive committee, as master of ceremonies; letters of regret, read by Minnie A. Lucas; surrender of keys by J. A. Lankford, architect; "Oh, Clap Your Hands" (Morse); choir; flag raising by representatives of Roswell department; general inspection of building.

Afternoon Session.

The afternoon exercises will begin at 2:30 o'clock. W. S. Woolson, chief of Washington division, presiding. Invocation, the Rev. J. A. Taylor, D. D.; reveries, "Star of the Sea" (Kennedy); Monumental Orchestra; address on behalf of the order, the Rev. W. L. Taylor, D. D., grand worthy master; address of welcome, the Hon. H. B. F. Macfarland, Commissioner of the District of Columbia; Intermission; "Amen" (Victor Grey); orchestra; reading of communication from the Hon. Theodore Roosevelt, President of the United States; selection from "Liberia" (Collier); orchestra; dedicatory address, the Hon. J. C. Daney; march, "Our Director" (F. C. Biglow); benediction, the Rev. James H. Lee.

Evening Session.

A musical and literary entertainment will take place at 7:30 o'clock. Those who will take part in the exercises are Nathaniel Guy, Henry Lewis, J. Henry Lewis, and Amphion Glee Club, Prof. John T. Layton, Bessie Hamilton, Lola Johnson, Laura Tyler, Mrs. Mary F. Scott, Mrs. Francis Smiler. Music will be furnished by the Monumental Orchestra, Prof. Charles Hamilton directing.

A banquet at the close of the concert will be given in honor of the Rev. W. L. Taylor, D. D., president of the Grand Fountain.

Committees Active.

The following committees have charge of the arrangements and everything is being done to make the occasion the most notable in the history of the order since its introduction into the District of Columbia.

Executive committee is composed of the following: E. W. Turner, chairman; W. A. Bowie, vice chairman; F. W. Dixon, secretary; Dr. A. J. Gwathway, treasurer; J. W. Robinson, C. P. Griffin, J. R. Robinson, Philip Gaines, Dr. D. A. Lane.

\$1.25 to Baltimore and Return Every

Saturday and Sunday via B. & O.

R. R.

All trains, both ways, both days, except Royal Limited, leaving Washington 3 and Baltimore 7:55 p. m.

POLICEMAN PLEADS GUILTY TO CHARGES

Hendricks Accused of "Conduct Unbecoming an Officer."

To a charge of "conduct unbecoming an officer," Private J. P. Hendricks, of the Second precinct, pleaded guilty at a hearing before the trial board of the Police Department yesterday afternoon. The charge is based on a recent escapade of the policeman. He was off duty at the time, but in spite of his actions were in violation of the rules governing the department.

At the hearing yesterday a number of witnesses appeared. A vigorous thrashing out of the facts was found not necessary, however, on account of Hendricks' plea. A report of the affair will be forwarded to the District Commissioners, with a recommendation by the trial board.

REVIVAL MEETING AT BASEBALL PARK

The Young Men's Christian Association meeting for men will be held in the American League grandstand this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. Secretary Pierce will give the narrative of "How a Spectator Lost a Game." The Harmony Trio will furnish music. "Coats off" and cold lemonade will be features.

CARPET ACTS AS GOLD PARTICLES COLLECTOR

Nine thousand six hundred dollars' worth of gold has been recovered by the subtreasury officials at San Francisco from the burning of an old carpet in the mint there. The small particles of gold had accumulated in the carpet in the past six years. The carpet cost originally \$300 and its burning up after such long service with the recovery to the Government of nearly \$10,000 of the precious metal is considered a good return. Without the carpet on the floor the gold would have been swept out of the building.

\$10.00 to Niagara Falls and Return via B. & O. R. R. July 17.

Special train of Pullman Parlor cars and day coaches from Washington 8:30 a. m. Stops over returning. Tickets good for ten days. Route, via Philadelphia and famous Lehigh Valley. Other excursions start August 14, 28, September 11, 25, October 9.

MASTER PLASTERERS STILL REFUSE TERMS

Determined Not to Grant Demand for Higher Wages.

About fifteen members of the Master Plasterers' Association attended a meeting of that organization in the office of President Thomas E. Landon, 1419 G Street northwest, Friday. At the meeting, it is said, the masters talked over the strike which the journeymen plasterers are waging at the present time. The members of the association are determined to reject the demands for an increase of wages from \$4 to \$4.50. Yesterday, it is said, they came to the conclusion that the journeymen's demand was unreasonable, and resolved to maintain their present stand in regard to the matter.

The strikers will hold their regular weekly meeting tomorrow evening in their hall at Four-and-a-half Street and Pennsylvania Avenue. It is believed the masters, who submitted one proposition to the plasterers, which the latter promptly rejected, will make another attempt to arbitrate the difficulties on Monday evening. Even if the masters make no further advances at that meeting, it is believed the strikers will accept the proposition which the masters submitted several days ago, and return to work immediately on condition that the increase for which they now ask shall go into effect on November 1.

At a meeting of the Steam and Hot Water Fitters' Union, held Friday night at 322 Pennsylvania Avenue northwest, it was announced that two other firms had decided to grant this increase in wages from \$1.60 to \$2 per day. This makes eight firms which have acceded to the demand, and the officials of the Fitters' Union say that only sixty-five men are out of work at the present time. The two latest firms to agree to the new scale of wages are the contractors doing work at the New Willard Hotel and the Government Hospital for the Insane.

The Master Steamfitters' Association will maintain the stand taken at the first intimation of a strike. None of the members of the association have weakened as yet, and they aver they will not grant the increase. Those firms which have agreed to the new scale of wages are not in the association, and, according to the members of the association, "have their offices under their hats."

Flowers for Funerals. Guide's design work invariably wins approval. Phone and mail orders filled. 1224 F.

BANK CLERKS' FROLIC AT RIVER VIEW PARK

About Four Thousand Persons Attended in Their Half-Holiday.

The Washington Chapter, American Institute of Bank Clerks, made their first annual excursion to River View yesterday afternoon. The pilgrimage started at 3 o'clock, when the first party left Washington for River View. Another and probably larger party went on a second boat at 6:45 p. m. It is thought that about 4,000 attended.

The afternoon was given over to baseball and bowling. In the evening Prof. Joyce gave an exhibition on the trapeze, and later there was dancing. The dance programs were of an original design. They were made in the form of a check-book, and read, "Pay to the order of bank, dance blank." The Marine Band was engaged for the excursion. The whole party was entertained at supper in the hotel.

W. F. D. Herron, of the Union Trust and Storage Company, president of the chapter, joined the party, together with the chairman of the committee in charge of arrangements for the excursion, F. B. Gillmore, of the Central National Bank.

LOCAL BAKERS PICNIC AT BIESLER'S PARK

The bakers of Washington gave their annual picnic at Biesler's Park, on the Bladensburg Road, yesterday. Almost all of the rolling-pin welders and dough-kneaders were on hand bright and early with large baskets filled with substantial viands, cookies of their own making, and other things.

A large party was made up and went out to the park on the Columbia cars. Refreshments were served immediately upon arrival at the grounds, and the women folks began to spread out the tablecloths for lunch. Athletic games were indulged in throughout the day.

Many hammocks were strung up under the trees, and the bakers, a large number of whom are good-hearted and jolly Germans, drank the health of the bread and pie bakers who were unable to go to the picnic.

There was music and dancing at the park at night.

\$1.60 to Baltimore and Return via B. & O. R. R.

Account B. P. O. E. Tickets sold July 19, 20, and 21, valid for return until Sept. 15. Trains every hour from 7 a. m. to 8 p. m. Returning in like manner.

WILL MACADAMIZE WISCONSIN AVENUE

Appropriation to Be Used for That Purpose Instead of Grading.

The \$6,000 appropriated by the last Congress for the improvement of Wisconsin Avenue will in all probability be used to macadamize the avenue, instead of cutting down a hill just south of Joliet Street, which was the original use intended for the appropriation.

The District Commissioners asked for an appropriation of \$10,000 to cut through the hill and resurface Wisconsin Avenue. Congress, however, appropriated only \$6,000, which, according to Commissioner Biddle, is insufficient to complete the work. Commissioner Biddle was undecided as to which course to pursue, and submitted the matter to the Citizens' Northwest Suburban Association for its consideration. For the reasons indicated by the Engineer Commissioner, the citizens also recommended that the avenue be macadamized instead of extended. Congress will be asked for another appropriation next year to cut through the hill near Joliet Street.

GARBAGE CONTRACTOR TO HAVE A HEARING

The Washington Fertilizer Company, which has the District garbage contract, will be allowed an opportunity to air its troubles with Warner Stutler, Superintendent of Street Cleaning, before the Board of Commissioners next Thursday morning at 11 o'clock.

Mr. Stutler has imposed fines on the company for alleged failure to carry out fully the contract with the Commissioners. The company, in return, claims that Mr. Stutler is not fair, and asserts that the service is the best the District has ever had, fewer complaints being received than ever before.

Superintendent Stutler, in his last report to the Commissioners, in reply to a letter from the fertilizer company's officers, suggests that the best way to adjust the matter was to summon the company before the Board for a hearing.

\$14.25 to Detroit, Mich., and \$14.25

Return via Pennsylvania Railroad

Official Route.

For the Epworth League convention round-trip tickets will be sold July 14 and 15, good to return until July 20, and by deposit of ticket can be extended to August 15. Washington to Detroit and return, \$14.25.

MUST REMOVE REMAINS FROM SEVERAL GRAVES

Commissioners Issue Orders to Cemetery Officers.

The Union Benevolent Association has been informed by the Commissioners that it must close the graves in its burying ground near Adams Mill Road.

In connection with the improvement of the road between Cincinnati Street and the Zoo Park, it was found necessary to widen the bank on the west side just south of the entrance to the Zoo. As this necessitated the closing of the graves, damages were awarded by the District for their removal. The graves have not been touched, however, and Commissioner Biddle recommends that the association be given thirty days to clear the property.

RAILROAD OFFERS PLANS FOR NEW MASONRY BRIDGE

Two sets of plans for the proposed masonry bridge over South Capitol Street at Virginia Avenue were submitted to Engineer Commissioner Biddle this morning by William R. Brown, engineer of the Pennsylvania Railroad. The Commissioners are asked to inspect both plans and approve one of them. The only feature contained in the plans submitted not in accordance with the specifications of the Commissioners is the width of the sidewalks, which will be made thirty feet across instead of twenty feet.

ASKS FOR A POLICEMAN

W. X. Stevens, Superintendent of the Bathing Beach, has requested the Commissioners to appoint Walter Davis as an additional private for duty at the Bathing Beach.

JOHN HARGROVE DROWNED

John Hargrove, nineteen years old, of 8 Forty-first Street Tenleytown, was drowned in the river at the foot of Potomac Street yesterday afternoon. With several friends, Hargrove went to the river to bathe, and they enjoyed themselves diving from a sand scow at Smooth's wharf. While a short distance from the shore the boy evidently suffered an attack of cramps. The body has not yet been recovered.

\$1.00 to Harper's Ferry and Martinsburg, \$2.00 to Cumberland and Return via B. & O. R. R.

Sunday, July 19, leaving Washington at 8:05 a. m. Stopping at principal Metropolitan Branch stations en route.

JULY CUT-PRICE SALES

Clothes for Vacationists Reduced.

\$5.00	SHIRT-WAIST SUITS	\$5.00
	WALKING SKIRTS	
	COVERT JACKETS	

Every woman going for a summer vacation, into the mountains, at the seashore, or abroad has imperative need of these. They are light in weight, and will be just the thing for first fall wear.

\$7.50 Black and White pin checked Shirt-waist Suits, in smartly tailored styles; full blouse fronts, piped straps over shoulders and on skirt. As nobly light-weight suit as was ever shown at the regular price. While the lot lasts at **\$5.00**

WALKING SKIRTS	COVERT JACKETS
of lightweight Cheviot, fleeced Tweeds, homespun, and brilliantines, all finely finished, both inside and out. All unlined and for present use. Reduced from \$6, \$6.50, and \$7 to \$5.00	and Black Cheviot jackets, in latest handsomely tailored styles. Indispensable to travelers and for cool evenings. An assorted lot of nearly 100 reduced from \$8 and \$10 for quick clearance at \$5.00

CUT PRICES ON SHOES.

Shoes from our regular stock. Still fair choosing from those Sample Shoes and Oxfords at 95c and \$1.95.

Women's Patent tipped Oxfords, common-sense last, \$1.25 shoe, cut to 89c	\$5 and \$5.50 Kid Bluchers and Lace and Button Oxfords, every pair guaranteed; cut to \$2.19
Women's Hand-turned Oxfords and Colonial Ties, grades worth up to \$3, at 97c	\$2.50 Tan Oxfords and Court Ties, ribbon and straight lace effects; cut to \$3.19
High-heel Oxfords, hand-sewed throughout, in patent leather and patent kid, \$2.50 Oxfords, cut to \$1.89	50c Tennis Slippers in white and red, cut to 33c
Children's Patent Leather Slippers, sizes 5 to 8, 48c	A large lot of Misses' and Children's Slippers and Oxfords in red or black velvety kid and patent leather; most of 89c them \$1.50 values; cut to \$1.59
Children's Hand-sewed Patent Leather or Velvety Oxfords, most of them \$1.50 \$1.19	Women's Hand-sewed Velvety and Patent Leather \$2.15 Oxfords, cut to \$1.59
Infants' Soft-sole Slippers, 25c grade, cut to 13c	Infants' Slippers worth 29c up to 75c at 29c

Cut Prices in Laces and Embroideries.

18-inch butter and ecru Valenciennes and Point de Paris All-over laces in many patterns, good for yokes and waists; reduced from 40c and 50c to **25c**

A dozen yards of Fine French Valenciennes Edgings, Insertions and Headings, worth 50c and 60c, for only **36c**

EMBROIDERIES—In Cambric, Swiss, and Nainsook Edgings, Insertions, Headings, and G. 3c loons; worth 15c and 18c; reduced to, a yard **54c**

Children's Pique Reefers, 87c. Prices Cut From \$1.25.

Pretty made of good pique, with pointed or round collars, trimmed with insertion and finished with embroidery edge. Sizes 1 to 3 years **87c**

Second Floor.

Wash Goods.

We must clean up stock before inventory, and because of the extraordinary quantity of goods now on hand, we have made

THESE NEW PRICES,

which should cause the fabrics to disappear before crowds of knowing buyers like ice under yesterday's sun.

The fabrics in the list below are this year's finest, and there are values up to 75c.

Imported Organdie, Egyptian Tissue, Silk and Linen Chiffon, Wash Grenadine, Irish Dimities, Half-Silk Dress Chiffonettes, Mercerized Satin Liberty, Imported Scotch Madras.

CHOICE

Values Range **12c** While they last. **35c to 75c yd. 12c** A YARD.

12c Ginghams, **7c**.

Every piece of Gingham originally priced at 12c is reduced now to **7c**.

The styles are such as will make you think of coming days when school dresses and waists for ordinary wear are needed.

Plenty of blues in stripes; plenty of variety in pinks; lots of tan designs, and many novelties in stripes, plaids, and checks. All 27 inches wide, and all **12c** Ginghams at **7c**.

12c Percales, **7c**.

These new reductions include the famous Windsor brand, and other well-known brands. Fifty or more designs in light grounds. Colors will not run.

All are 36 inches wide, and best colored stuffs for waists, wash dresses, and children's school dresses, that will soon have to be made. A yard **7c**.

Lawns and Dimities, **5c**.

It will not be lack of money that prevents having new good-looking and very cool dresses, with wash stuffs of good style and quality, at this price. The range of colors is large. The wash goods reduced to **5c** are: SWISS LAWNS, FIGURED DIMITIES, CORDED MADRAS LAWNS, LAWNS IN PLAIN SHADERS OF BLUE AND PINK. MANY HERETOFORE PRICED **10c** AND **12c**. Each lot while it lasts at **5c**.

Other Big Reductions.

15c Applique Lace Lawns, 9c.	15c Cotton Voile, 12c.
12c White Duck, black polka dot, 7c.	25c Pink Swiss, 12c.
25c Wash Piques, two shades of blue, 12c.	35c All-Linen Calatona, 12c.
	15c Lace Striped Lawns, 12c.
	Now lot Lawns at 5c.

COOL AND PRETTY WAISTS.

50c Instead of 89c. **\$1.00 Instead of \$1.75.**

Charming waists for the money. And as good values as we've ever offered at full price. The 89c waists at 50c are of fine white lawn, in very catchy polka dot style. They are made with full blouse front, tucked back; large puff sleeves and new tab collar. All sizes 34 to 44, at **50c**.

The waists at \$1 are all white. Made of fine Persian lawn, trimmed with fine Swiss inserting and rows of cluster tucking. The front is in latest yoke effect, the back tucked; the sleeves with large puff and the stock and cuffs tucked. Most exquisite models in which all sizes may be had at **\$1.00**.

WHITE GOODS.

No let-up to the demand for white stuffs, and yet with prospective shortage we've reduced these white goods, having only in mind the complete clearance of summer goods by inventory time.

15c Sheer Persian Lawn at 9c .	40c quality Linen Cambric, 36 inches wide, at 25c .	12-yard piece English Long Cloth of grade that sells regularly at \$1.50, tomorrow at \$1.15 .
10c Lace-striped Lawns in assorted styles at 5c .	18c and 20c Corded and fancy striped Madras at 12c .	40c Imported Mercerized Madras in fancy figured designs at 25c .
19c grade India Linon, 40 inches wide, at 11c .	18c and 20c Lace-striped Lawns reduced to 12c .	

Limited quantities of 45-inch BATISTE, SWISS MULL, PERSIAN LAWN, FRENCH LAWN, NAINSOOK, DRAP D'CHIFFON; all worth 35c to 45c a yard; reduced to, while they last, at, a yard **25c**.

Made Veils Reduced to 45c.

One lot of about 18 dozen made Veils, chenille spotted, and with fancy borders, each **1 1/2** **45c** yards long, at **45c**.

Buttons and Trimmings—Cut Prices.

Large lot fresh water Pearl Buttons, in shank, self-shank and sew through styles that were 60c a dozen, are reduced to **39c**.

Medium size Pearl Buttons that were **25c** 39c, reduced to, a dozen **13c**.

25c a dozen Pearl Buttons, reduced to **13c**.

Bleached Sheets, 49c.

With the present stock we can supply just 200 women. Only six to a buyer at tomorrow's price.

Made in best possible manner of the best New York Mills' Bleached Muslin. You pay 60c regularly for them. Half a dozen the limit to **49c** a buyer tomorrow, each.

Section M; First Floor.

Cannon Cloth, 8c yard.

A new lot came yesterday. We can supply now several grades in pure white. So popular this year that makers cannot turn it out fast enough. For summer wash suits, skirts, or waists. **18c** Very cool. A yard, 8c to **18c**.

Table Linens.

The meal will be more enjoyable with cool looking, fresh linen upon the dining board.

70-inch Cream Table Damask, extra heavy, reduced for tomorrow only, to a yard **47c**.

Very heavy Irish Damask, 66 inches wide, **56c** in elegant patterns; regularly 75c, a yard, at **56c**.

All-linen Bleached Napkins, 22 inches **\$1.25** square, fast selvedge, dozen tomorrow only.

PATTERN CLOTHS—Fine Scotch patterns, 2 by 2 1/2 yards square; regularly \$2.50, to **\$1.85** morrow at **15c**.

Bleached Cotton and Pillow Cases.

Prices less than at the mills today. With such chances to save isn't it worth while withdrawing thoughts from cool dress for a few minutes.

40-inch Labeled Sea Island Cotton, limit 10 yards to a buyer; instead of 10c tomorrow **5c**.

One lot of 36-inch Bleached Cotton, a brand that's better than Fruit of the Loom; limit 60 of 10 yards; tomorrow **6c**.

Ten styles of fancy Feather-proof Tickling; worth 20c a yard; tomorrow at **16c**.

Four styles of 20c Striped Awning, 30 inches wide; guaranteed fast colors; to close **12c** at **12c**.

Hemstitch-ed, bleached, hand-torn and ironed Pillow Cases, 45 by 36 inches, and big **12c** value at 15c; tomorrow at **12c**.